

REMARKS

Introduction

In accordance with the foregoing, the specification and claims 1, 2, 4, and 8 have been amended. No new matter is being presented, and approval and entry are respectfully requested.

Claims 1-6, 8, 9, and 18 are pending and under consideration. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Corrections to the Drawings

Corrections to FIG. 5 have been requested and replacement figures have been submitted herewith. In FIG. 5, base plate frame 13A-1 was erroneously labeled 13B-1. However, as indicated in the originally filed Specification at page 10, paragraph 42, the base plate frame should have been labeled 13A-1. Approval of the corrected FIG. 5 is respectfully requested.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. §112

In the Office Action at page 2, claims 1 and 2 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, for the reasons set forth therein. This rejection is traversed and reconsideration is requested.

Applicant respectfully submits that claims 1 and 2 have been amended in order to clarify the claims. However, Applicant respectfully disagrees with the Examiner's position that "Neither the specification nor the drawings are enabling of the holding mechanism being located in the base plate." FIG. 5 and paragraphs 42 and 43, found on page 10 of the Specification, clarify that "The holding mechanism 40 has a securing plate 41 provided in a base plate frame 13A-1...." Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that the specification and drawings support the claim language regarding the holding mechanism being located in the base member. Thus, the holding mechanism is not required to be located in the positioning member, as asserted by the Examiner. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that this rejection be withdrawn.

Allowable Subject Matter

In the Office Action at pages 3-4, the Examiner indicated that independent claim 1 would

IN THE DRAWINGS

The attached drawing includes changes to FIG. 5. The sheet containing FIG. 5 replaces the original sheet including FIG. 5. In FIG. 5, Applicant has discovered a typographical error. Base plate frame 13A-1 was erroneously labeled 13B-1. However, as indicated in the originally filed Specification at page 10, paragraph 42, the base plate frame should have been labeled 13A-1. Accordingly, Applicant submits herewith a Replacement Sheet containing this correction to FIG. 5. For the convenience of the Examiner, an annotated sheet showing the change made is attached. Approval of this change to the Drawings is respectfully requested.

be allowable if the outstanding rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112 were overcome, as Rosenquist fails to teach or suggest a positioning member provided in a position adjusting member movable in the plane generally perpendicular to the plane of the base member. As set forth above, Applicant believes that this rejection has been overcome. Accordingly, independent claim 1 and dependent claims 2-6 and 18, which were also indicated as allowable, are in condition for allowance. Additionally, claim 8 has been amended to depend directly from allowable independent claim 1 and claim 9 depends from claim 8. Thus, Applicant submits that these claims are also allowable for the same reason as independent claim 1.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. §103

In the Office Action at pages 2-3, claims 8 and 9 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 as being unpatentable over Rosenquist in view of Lord. The reasons for the rejection are set forth in the Office Action and therefore not repeated. The rejection is traversed and reconsideration is requested.

Claim 8 has been amended to depend from amended independent claim 1 and, accordingly Applicant respectfully submits that claim 8 and claim 9 depending directly therefrom now distinguish over Rosenquist for at least the same reasons as amended independent claim 1. Thus, Rosenquist and Lord, taken alone or in combination, fail to teach or suggest all of the features of dependent claims 8 or 9. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 8 and 9 are in condition for allowance.

Conclusion

In accordance with the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that all outstanding objections and rejections have been overcome and/or rendered moot. And further, that all pending claims patentably distinguish over the prior art. Thus, there being no further outstanding objections or rejections, the application is submitted as being in condition for allowance which action is earnestly solicited.


If the Examiner has any remaining issues to be addressed, it is believed that prosecution can be expedited by the Examiner contacting the undersigned attorney for a telephone interview to discuss resolution of such issues.

If there are any underpayments or overpayments of fees associated with the filing of this Amendment, please charge and/or credit the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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Annotated Sheet

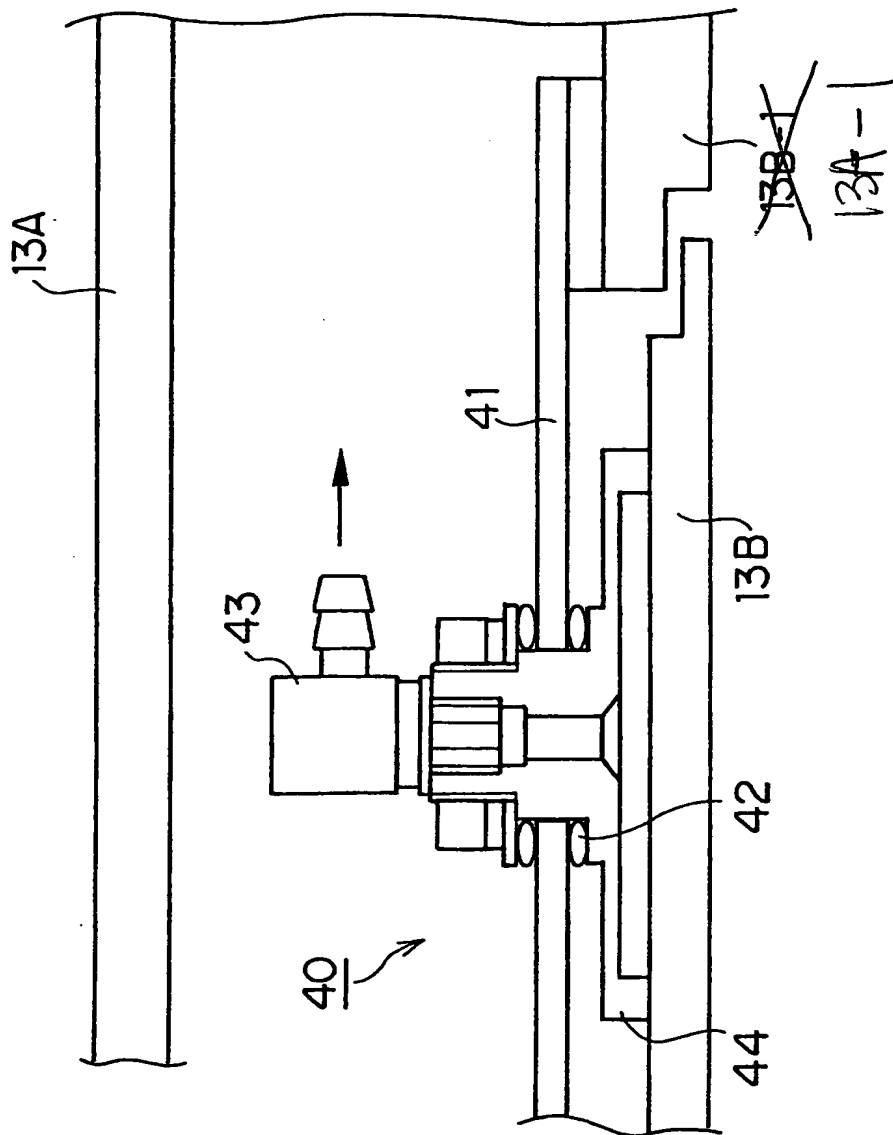


FIG. 5